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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Pulliam:

This response and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination address the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period for response that ended on September 30, 2003. Enclosed is a Petition for a two month extension of time, extending the period to respond to December 1, 2003.